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How Many People May Reside in a One Family Detached Dwelling?

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

This flyer does not reflect municipality and home owner association rules and regulations. If you live in a homeowner association or a municipality please consult their regulations.

Answer

A "Family" and two guest roomers as defined in the Montgomery County Code may reside in a one family detached dwelling.

Definition of "**Family**": An individual or 2 or more persons related by blood or marriage, or a group of not more than 5 persons, excluding servants, not related by blood or marriage, living together as a single housekeeping group in a dwelling unit.

Definition of "**Guest Room**": A room, rooms, or suite of rooms in which, for compensation, living and sleeping accommodations are provided and for which all furnishings, housekeeping service and, if available, central telephone switchboard service are customarily provided, operated and maintained by the management.

In a private home that is not a bed-and-breakfast lodging, guest rooms may provide accommodations for roomers over a longer term, in accordance with the regulations of the relevant zone.

A guest room, including one in a private dwelling unit, has no provision for cooking.